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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the provision relating to medicare-dependent, small rural hospitals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BOREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEDICARE-DEPENDENT, SMALL RURAL HOS-**
4 **PITALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

9 “(i) In the case of a subsection (d) hospital which
10 is a medicare-dependent, small rural hospital, payment

1 under paragraph (1)(A) for discharges occurring before
 2 October 1, 1994, shall be—

3 “(I) for any cost reporting period beginning on
 4 or after April 1, 1990, and before April 1, 1993, the
 5 amount determined under clause (ii); and

6 “(II) for any cost reporting period beginning on
 7 or after April 1, 1993, the amount determined under
 8 clause (ii) by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘100 per-
 9 cent’.”;

10 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
 11 clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively; and

12 (3) by inserting after clause (i) the following
 13 new clause:

14 “(ii) The amount determined under this clause is the
 15 sum of—

16 “(I) the amount determined under paragraph
 17 (1)(A)(iii), and

18 “(II) 100 percent of the excess (if any) of—

19 “(aa) the hospital’s target amount for the
 20 cost reporting period, as defined in subsection
 21 (b)(3)(D), over

22 “(bb) the amount determined under para-
 23 graph (1)(A)(iii).”.

24 (b) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RECLASSI-
 25 FICATION.—If any hospital fails to qualify as a medicare-

1 dependent, small rural hospital under section
2 1886(d)(5)(G)(i) of the Social Security Act as a result of
3 a decision by the Medicare Geographic Classification Re-
4 view Board under section 1886(d)(10) of such Act to re-
5 classify the hospital as being located in an urban area for
6 fiscal year 1993, the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services shall—

8 (1) notify such hospital of such failure to qual-
9 ify,

10 (2) provide an opportunity for such hospital to
11 decline such reclassification, and

12 (3) if the hospital declines such reclassification,
13 administer the Social Security Act (other than sec-
14 tion 1886(d)(8)(D) of such Act) for fiscal year 1993
15 as if the decision by the Review Board had not oc-
16 curred.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act.

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